



# Clermont County On The Move

a newsletter for citizens

Commissioners: Mary Walker, Bob Proud, and Scott Croswell

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## Large Crowd Waves Red, White, and Blue Flags For Safe Return of Pfc. Maupin



Several thousand people turned out in Clermont County for two ceremonies of support for Pfc. Matt Maupin and his family. The Union Township man is being held hostage in Iraq.

On Friday, April 16, Main Street in Batavia was packed for a ceremony in front of the Clermont County Courthouse. The crowd listened to U.S. Congressman Rob Portman and Maupin's lifelong friend, Tim Berling, and joined in singing God Bless America.

The, more than 1,300 people turned out for a Wednesday,

April 21, 2004 ceremony of support for Pfc. Matt Maupin, his family, and other members of the armed forces. The event was held in Union Township where Maupin's family resides.

Maupin's father, Keith, and brother, Micah, lit a large electric candle during the ceremony to "light the way home" for Matt and others currently deployed in Iraq. Citizens across Clermont County, and the nation, are encouraged to light an electric candle



### Busy May for BCC

The Board of Clermont County Commissioners will be *on the move* in May, attending two town meetings!

The first will be held on Tuesday, May 4, at Owensville Elementary School. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The second town meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 7:00 p.m., and will be hosted by Goshen Twp. at the Goshen Township Town Hall, located on Wood Street in Goshen.

in the window to help "light the way" for Matt's safe return.

In addition, thousands of yellow ribbons have been tied around trees, in front of businesses, and worn on lapels to signify support of Matt and the Maupin family.



## CTC to Reduce Services

Clermont Transportation Connection (CTC) will reduce bus service effective May 7, 2004. The door-to-door public transit system had to make route changes due to its state mandated transition from a rural to an urban system, resulting in a funding reduction of a half-million dollars.

Beginning May 7, 2004, CTC will provide transportation services Monday through Saturday from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Sunday service will no longer be provided.

To schedule a ride, please call 732-7433.

## Supreme Court Visits Clermont County

The Ohio Supreme Court held an off-site session at the Clermont County Courthouse on Wednesday, April 28. The Court heard four cases of local interest.



High school journalism and government students from all Clermont County schools were invited to participate in a pre-event news conference and to sit in on the cases as they were presented.



Chief Justice Moyer noted that the Batavia session will mark the 47<sup>th</sup> time the Supreme Court has heard oral arguments outside Columbus over the past 17 years. "This program strives to bring the Court closer to the public and especially young people," Moyer said. The program has enabled more than 27,000 Ohioans, 21,000 of them high school students, to observe the Supreme Court in action without leaving their communities.

## Attention New Employees!



Here is your chance to learn more about the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System. On Thursday, May 6, 2004, a PERS retirement plan seminar is scheduled to be held at the

Clermont County Engineer's Conference Room, 2381 Clermont Center Drive in Batavia, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

This seminar will include details about benefits and features of each of the three plans (traditional pension, member directed, and combined plan), and, discover what you need to look for in a retirement plan

There are two ways to register for the seminar. You can call the OPERS call center at 1-800-222-PERS or log onto the OPERS website at [www.OPERS.org](http://www.OPERS.org).



### May Commissioner Sessions

Tuesday, May 4	3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 4	7:00 p.m., Town Meeting-Owensville
Wed., May 5	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 11	1:00 p.m.
Wed., May 12	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 18	1:00 p.m.
Wed., May 19	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 25	3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 25	7:00 p.m., Town Meeting-Goshen
Wed., May 26	1:00 p.m.

All regular sessions are held in the third floor session room of the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 East Main Street in Batavia, Ohio. For agenda information, contact the BCC offices at (513) 732-7300.

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## April Cleanups a Sweeping Success

By: John McManus, OEQ

Clermont County received quite a spring cleaning on Saturday, April 24. This year, organizers of the annual East Fork River Sweep and the Clean and Green Collaborative partnered to host the largest single litter cleanup ever held in Clermont County. For the 12<sup>th</sup> annual River Sweep, an estimated 125 people helped clean 170 bags of litter, plus 59 tires, three refrigerators, three 55-gallon plastic barrels and an engine block from the banks of the East Fork. Though final numbers are still being compiled by Clean and Green, its estimated that approximately 600 people joined in to help clean litter at 13 sites throughout the county. Thanks and congratulations to all those that helped make both events a success!



### Clermont County Parks

By: Chris Clingman, Park Dist.

#### *Kid's Fishing Derby*

Saturday, May 8, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Bring the kids out to Pattison Park for a day of fishing fun. Sponsored by the East Fork Bass Anglers and Wal Mart. This annual fishing derby is for children ages 15 and under accompanied by an adult. Prizes are awarded in several categories.



#### *Wildflower Walks at Sycamore Park*

Wednesday, May 5, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 16, 2:00 p.m.



Meet the naturalist at the information kiosk for these one hour walks to take a look at spectacular showing of spring wildflowers at Sycamore Park. Virginia bluebells and may-apples are just a couple of the wildflowers to be seen.

#### *Spring Hike at Kelley Nature Preserve*

Wednesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 15, 10:00 a.m.

Enjoy the sights and sounds of spring with a hike along the scenic Little Miami River. Meet at the information kiosk in the parking lot for these one hour walks.

#### *Springtime Herb Day*

Saturday, May 15, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Pattison Park Lodge

Advanced registration required call Laura at 732-0929. Fee: \$40.00. Enjoy a day at the park with special guest speakers and lunch. Learn about cooking with garlic from Rita Heikenfeld, feng shui for the garden with Dawn Schartzman, the wonders of soy by Connie Cahill, and organic gardening from Marvin Duren.

### Starfish Golf Outing

By: Wade Grabowski, Facilities



The Starfish Foundation, a John E McManus Memorial Fund, will be hosting its seventh annual invitational golf outing on Saturday, June 26, 2004, at the Lindale Golf Club.

All proceeds benefit abused and neglected children of Clermont County. If you would like to play, be a hole sponsor, or donate a door prize, please contact Wade Grabowski at 732-8850.

### Auction Site for Old County Vehicles

By: Jennifer Morgan, Fleet

Clermont County vehicles, no longer in service, are now being offered for purchase on an online auction site that can be accessed at [www.co.clermont.oh.us](http://www.co.clermont.oh.us). You can find the latest items available by clicking on the "auction" tab.



Vehicles listed there will be available for inspection every Friday between noon and 3:30 p.m., at the Fleet Maintenance garage, 4005 Filager Road, in Batavia.

Title transfers will be the responsibility of the buyer. A notarized title will be forwarded to the buyer after Fleet receives notice from the Treasurer's office that the transaction has been approved.

Questions concerning the vehicles listed, should be directed to Jennifer Morgan in the Fleet Maintenance office at (513) 732-7775.

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### Handsome, huh?

This 3-year-old black shorthaired cat is neutered and in need of a new home.

**Clermont Animal Shelter**  
**732-8854**



### Attention, General!

This 3-year-old yellow labrador-mix is neutered, housebroken and great with children. Have room at your house?

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### Maggie Needs a New Home!

This tan and black shepherd, lab, husky mix is 4-months-old, housebroken, and great with kids.

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## Exercising to Fight Arthritis

By: Martha Enriquez, General Health District

May is Arthritis Awareness Month and the Clermont County General Health District is sponsoring many programs that focus on the benefits of exercising to relieve arthritis pain. In conjunction with the National Centers for Disease Control's "Exercise - The Arthritis Pain Reliever" campaign the CCGHD will have the following opportunities available:

April 19 - May 26 - PACE (People with Arthritis Can Exercise) class, free to the public, at the Batavia Library. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Call 735-8409 to register and get specific dates.

May 6 - 12:00 p.m. at the County Administration building, 101 E. Main Street in Batavia. The "Exercise for Life" class will meet at noon and walk through Batavia for 15 minutes. Then, the group will gather in the commissioners conference room for a free lunch and to hear a speaker on arthritis. This program is great for county employees participating in "Move A Measured Mile".

May 11 - 4:00 p.m., at Batavia Elementary School gymnasium - Speaker about arthritis and exercising and demonstrations of appropriate exercises. Free and open to the public.

May 13 - Celebration with employees of West Clermont Schools and school district residents ending their "Move It" exercise program.

Contact Martha Enriquez at 735-8409 with any questions.

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